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## Madera County Forming Voting Accessibility (VAAC) and Language Accessibility (LAAC) Advisory Committees *County Registrar of Voters Rebecca Martinez seeks public participation*

**Madera, CA** – Rebecca Martinez, Madera County Clerk-Recorder and Registrar of Voters, is seeking citizens interested in serving in a volunteer capacity on a Voting Accessibility Advisory Committee and/or a Language Accessibility Advisory Committee in Madera County. All interested parties are encouraged to attend a formation meeting on August 9<sup>th</sup> at the County Government Center.

“Elections in Madera County have always been a very open, transparent and community based process,” explained Martinez. “The formation of the VAAC and LAAC will further my commitment to involving the community in the planning, preparation, administration and review of all elections.”

The purpose of the **VOTING ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** is twofold: 1) To provide community members a forum to voice concerns and make recommendations on ways to improve the electoral process for voters with disabilities and elderly voters; 2) Allow members of the community to advise and assist the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for voters with disabilities and elderly voters.

The purpose of the **LANGUAGE ACCESSIBILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE** is to: 1) provide community members a forum to voice concerns and make recommendations on ways to improve the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency, and 2) allow members of the community to advise and assist the Registrar of Voters regarding access to the electoral process for voters with limited English proficiency.

“Ensuring that all eligible voters are able to participate in our democracy is paramount,” stated Martinez. “I welcome the opportunity to hear from those in our community who share in my mission of ensuring that every registered voter has the opportunity to vote.”

The VAAC formation meeting will be held on August 9, 2017 at 10:00am in the Board of Supervisors’ Chambers on the first floor of the County Government Center located at 200 West Fourth Street in Madera, CA. The LAAC formation meeting will be held immediately following at 11:00am

If you would like to participate in the meetings or would like further information, please contact the Madera County Elections Division toll free at 1-800-435-0509 or by email at [electionsinfo@co.madera.ca.gov](mailto:electionsinfo@co.madera.ca.gov).

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